



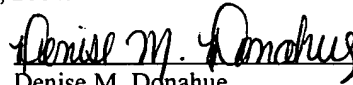
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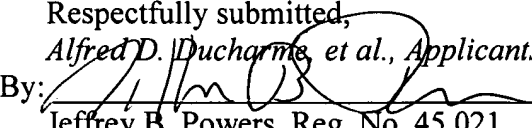
Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents:

- ☒ Preliminary Amendment
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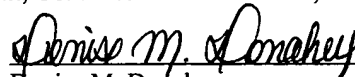
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**SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST FOR INTERFERENCE**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.607**

Sir/Madam:

In a Request for Interference Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.604, filed November 4, 2003, the Applicants requested that an interference be declared between the present application and pending U.S. Non-provisional Application Serial No. 10/118,828, filed April 9, 2002, entitled "Lighting Fixture for Producing a Beam of Light Having a Controlled Luminous Flux Spectrum," naming inventor David W. Cunningham (hereinafter referred to as "the '828 application"). The '828 application has matured into U.S. Patent No. 6,683,423, issued January 27, 2004 (hereinafter referred to as "the '423 patent"). Accordingly, Applicants make the present supplemental request that an interference, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.607, be declared between the present application and the '423 patent.

Claims 1-43 of the present application, as amended in the enclosed preliminary amendment, are identical to claims 1-43, respectively, of the '423 patent, as issued January 27, 2004, except for claim 18 where an apparent typo in the '423 patent has occurred. Accordingly, in claim 18 of the present application, the Applicants have replaced the word "tan," as appears in the '423 patent, with the word "than." A copy of the '423 patent is attached for the Examiner's reference.

Applicants hereby suggest the following proposed counts for the interference, amended to correspond to the issued claims in the '423 patent:

Count 1:

A lighting apparatus for producing a beam of light having a luminous flux spectrum emulating that of a beam of light produced by a predetermined light source having an incandescent lamp, the apparatus being suitable for use as a part of a lighting fixture and comprising:

a plurality of groups of light-emitting devices, each such group configured to emit light having a distinct luminous flux spectrum; and

a controller configurable to supply selected amounts of electrical power to the plurality of groups of light-emitting devices, such that the groups cooperate to produce a composite beam of light having a prescribed luminous flux spectrum that approximates the luminous flux spectrum of a beam of light produced by the predetermined light source having the incandescent lamp.

Count 2:

A lighting apparatus for producing a beam of light having a prescribed luminous flux spectrum, the apparatus being suitable for use as a part of a lighting fixture lighting fixture and comprising:

a plurality of groups of light-emitting devices, each such group configured to emit light having a distinct luminous flux spectrum; and

a controller configurable to supply selected amounts of electrical power to the plurality of groups of light-emitting devices, such that the groups cooperate to produce a composite beam of light having a prescribed luminous flux spectrum.

Each of the above counts is believed to define a separate patentable invention. Count 1 is supported in the present specification at least on page 6, lines 6-13; page 9, lines 3-25; and page 28, lines 15-30, as well as in several other portions of the specification. Count 2 is supported at least on page 14, line 3 through page 15, line 25, as well as in several other portions of the specification.

Independent claim 1 of the present application, as well as claim 1 of the '423 patent, correspond substantially to count 1, which is a phantom count with respect to these claims. As with Count 1, support for claim 1 can be found at least on page 6, lines 6-13; page 9, lines 3-25; and page 28, lines 15-30, as well as in several other portions of the specification.

Independent claims 15, 28, 36 and 41 of the present application, as well as claims 15, 28, 36 and 41 of the '828 application, correspond substantially to count 2, which is a phantom count with respect to these claims.

Support for independent claim 15 may be found at least on page 9, line 30 through page 10, line 4, as well as in other portions of the specification.

Support for independent claim 28 may be found at least on page 19, line 10 through page 20, line 2 and page 28, lines 25-27, as well as in other portions of the specification.


Support for independent claims 36 and 41 may be found at least on page 34, line 18 through page 36, line 5, as well as in other portions of the specification.

The Applicants respectfully believe an interference should be declared because questions of patentability and priority of invention between two or more parties claiming the same patentable invention need to be resolved.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below if any questions arise in connection with this request for interference.

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